371
(1950)
DEKALB
SCRAPBOOK
AUBURN
1950
B19
12/2011

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2025

https://archive.org/details/classof1950aubur00unse

CLASS OF 1950

AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL

60th

ANNIVERSARY REUNION

AUGUST 13-14, 2010

CLASS OF 1950

AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL

60TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

August 13 -14, 2010

Auburn, Indiana

REUNION COMMITTEE

Donna and Max Reynolds
Roberta Little Schaab
Phyllis Hidy Muzzillo
Helen Blevins Sanders
Retha Manon Butler
Roger Wertenberger

PROGRAM

5:30 P.M.	Viewing of cars and exhibits on your own (optional)
	Social Hour (Cash Bar)
6:30 P.M.	**CLASS PICTURE**
7:00 P.M.	Invocation and Buffet
8:00 P.M. to ? P.M.	Business Meeting (followed by reminiscing)

(All times are approximate)

ADDRESS CHANGES

To assist in planning future class reunions, please keep your address current by notifying Retha at 907 Midway Dr., Auburn, if your address should change.

IN MEMORIAM

Kenneth Ball
Don Boren
Janet Borst McComb
Rosemarie Cool Fetters
Betty Frazee Martin
Roger Hardy
Donna Hay Watson
Donald Kelly
Bonnie Link Pratt
Ted Miller
Joyce Nugen Edwards
Margaret Peckhart Pulver
Edward Quinn
John Renner
Norma Schwartz Bomar
Roselyn Sherlock Kleeman
Jude Swalley
Lois Timbrook Winget
Betty Vallieu Kleeman
Hugh Western

FLOWER/MEMORIAL FUND

Those wishing to contribute to the flower/memorial fund for the Class of '50 to remember deceased classmates may send contributions to:

Flower Fund
c/o Retha Butler
907 Midway Drive
Auburn, IN 46706

Contributions will be put into a savings account at Peoples Federal Savings Bank. Upon the death of a classmate, a floral arrangement or other memorial contribution will be sent along with a card reading, "A.H.S. Class of 1950."

ADDRESSES

Florence Austraw (Mrs. Hugh Amick)
1306 Bluebird Drive
Greenfield, IN 46140-1114
flamick@att.net

Richard Barnes
3 Raintree Dr.
Hattiesburg, MS 39402
ragncjun@comcast.net

Mary Bauer Culver
716 Woodfield Dr.
Jackson, MI 49203

H. Barnell Beers
5606 Lindenshire Dr.
Greensboro, NC 27406
homerbeers@bellsouth.net

Helen Blevins (Mrs. Jack Sanders)
271 N. McClellan St. #111
Auburn, IN 46706
arti@locl.net

Robert Burgoyne
Address unknown

John Chorpenning
0375 SR 1
Hamilton, IN 46742
Johnchorpenning@hotmail.com

Marjorie Frazee (Mrs. Bobby L. Scott)
6 Marne Drive
Lake St. Louis, MO 63367

Louann Gearhart
Address unknown

Clarence Gillespie
23266 Hawk Lane
Twain Harte, CA 95383
cfgillespie@att.net

Carolyn Gonser (Mrs. James Donaldson)
501 Crumpler Pl
Henderson, NV 89052-2830
cjdonaldson@cox.net

Sally Greenfield (Mrs. Al Sherman)
P.O. Box 1
Fallston, MD 21047

Gwendolyn Griffith (Mrs. Wm. Bray)
345 Marion Blvd #320
Marion, IA 52302
everado1@yahoo.com

Jane Griffith (Mrs. Clifford Ineman)
4401 Indiana Ave.
Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Jennie Haiflich (Mrs. Gerald Krafft)
3271 Co Rd 52
Auburn, IN 46706

Sandra Hardenbrook (Mrs. Richard VanBergen)
2213 S. Lipscomb St.
Amarillo, TX 79109
jpzanger@suddenlink.net

Donna Haynes (Mrs. Max Reynolds)
309 N. Clark
Auburn, IN 46706

Phyllis Hidy (Mrs. Wayne Muzzillo)
1502 Barrington Dr.
Auburn, IN 46706

Jay Hildebrandt
541 N 675 E
Lindon, UT 84042
jayloren.hildebrandt@gmail.com

William Houtzer
569 Briarwood Rd.
Venice, FL 34293
ehoutzer@verizon.net

Marjorie Jones (Mrs. Albert Sebert)
608 Wakefield Village Blvd.
Kendallville, IN 46755
Sebert32351@aol.com

Atlee Lawhead
5571 Petaca Road
Las Vegas, NV 89122

Roberta Little (Mrs. W.C. Schaab)
271 N. McClellan St. #105
Auburn, IN 46706
ggschaab@gmail.com

Richard Lochner
Box 123 Chippewa
Paradise, MI 49768

Marcie Main (Mrs. Robert Muzzillo)
4212 Greenway D
Indianapolis, IN 46220

Retha Manon (Mrs. Donald Butler)
907 Midway Drive
Auburn, IN 46706
dfbutler@att.net

Wm. Russell McComb
1105 Sycamore Ct.
Auburn, IN 46706

Jack Mochamer
9315 Barbara Lane
Fort Wayne, IN 46804
Jack9315@msn.com

Stanley Muzzillo
215 West Tenth Street
Auburn, IN 46706

Larry Refner
4056 CR 00
Waterloo, IN 46793

Max Reynolds
309 N. Clark St.
Auburn, IN 46706

Susan Sanders (Mrs. Thomas Jacoby)
703 Ternes Rd.
Tecumseh, MI 49286

Dorothy Schultz Webb
P.O. 473
Hamilton, IN 46742

Carol Sommers (Mrs. Wayne Grogg)
Smith Farms Manor
406 Smith Drive
Auburn, IN 46706

Kenneth Ross Strock
714 S. Michigan Ave.
Edgerton, OH 43517

William Walburn
305 N. Orchard Dr.
Muncie, IN 47303-4546
bwalburn@earthlink.net

Theo Webb
P.O. Box 1221 #7 Tonkawa
Hilltop Lakes, TX 77871
webbwebb@windstream.net

Roger Wertenberger
1114 Cabriolet Blvd.
Auburn, IN 46706
r.wert32@hotmail.com

If McIntosh School could speak …

To the editor:

I am writing in response to the reaction of the community to the demolition of McIntosh. There are some very strong opinions out there on both sides of the fence, and I am not here to take away from any of those opinions. Just as I am entitled to my opinion, I feel that everyone else should be entitled to theirs as well. But, it is my belief that when personal attacks are being made toward my dad and his colleagues, things have been taken to an irrational level.

Jay Kern, Rob Miller, Jim Miller, Jay Baumgartener and LuAnne Gerig are not monsters who sat behind a curtain, hidden away from the public, demonically concocting a plan for the demise of McIntosh while cackling over a steaming cauldron. I am appalled that people are labeling them as though they were these evil people. They are representatives of the community, elected by all of you, who were forced to make a decision.

Plenty of the residents of Auburn, and all of DeKalb County for that matter, have memories within the walls of McIntosh, but it was unsafe to keep that building standing. I think that we are losing sight that it was a building. Tearing it down is not ripping away our memories, and I know that we are all sad to see it go, but some things are inevitable. I do not believe that this was a malicious decision with ill intent, to rip down the building with no regard to the people who had a history at McIntosh. Four of the five members of my family fall into that category of people. My dad, Jay Kern, who I am proud to call my father for standing up for what he believed was right for the people of Auburn, went to high school there. Do you think that he wanted to see his high school torn down? I know from speaking with him that he did not, but he could not think of himself. He needed to make a decision outside of his own interests, and now he is being harshly criticized for doing so. My mom, Sandie Kern, taught at McIntosh for 12 years; it is where she started her teaching career. She does not want to see the building go. And my brother and I both attended McIntosh for USA during our 4th and 5th grade years. And I know that we are both very sad to see the building go. I think it is important for us to recognize, however, that no one will ever take away our individual memories and histories that occurred within those old brick walls.

Although it symbolized many wonderful things for many members of the community, it was a hazard. There were so many things that needed fixing, and while we all may have had the best intentions in wanting to save the structure, the truth of the matter is that the gym alone required $400,000 in renovations to get it to where it was stable and safe for people to use again. That means that even if the community would have pitched in to save the building, it would have taken 16,000 people making donations of $25 apiece to save the gym alone.

Now on to the main structure. The front wall of the building was bulging out. Missing bricks were easily spotted in areas on each face of building. It was just falling apart. I think it is very sad to see McIntosh go, as I know all of us do, and it will be missed far beyond our city limits. There are plenty of arguments to be made on both sides, and as I said before, I respect each person's opinion about this matter.

It is my opinion that if McIntosh could speak, its words would sound a little bit more like this: "I can still recall those days long ago when high school students filled my halls, and I was happy. This was early in my life, but I will always be held dear in the hearts of those students who drove for the first time to my parking lot, and fell in love for the first time in my halls. Then, later on in my life, elementary students started coming to visit me every day, and I was filled with laughter, love, and learning. I will be cherished in the hearts of those children forever, as I will be the home of some of their earliest and fondest memories. I have had so many great years, but now I am growing so old and weary… I will never forget those whose hearts I have touched, and I know they will never forget me, but I am so exhausted. I struggle to stand each day as the ground shifts below me and my bricks begin to come loose. I ache because my roof is beginning to cave in and my sides are bulging, as I exert myself to stand each day… There is nothing I would love more that to hear those voices of children inside of my halls once again, but because I loved them all so much, I know I am no longer safe for them. I am tired, I want to rest. I will always be with the students, teachers, and principals who will never forget me, but as everything becomes with age, I am fragile, tired, and weak.

I know it will be hard to let me go, but it is my time. I will never forget you, and I know you will never forget me."

Stephanie Kern
Auburn

1950

2009

2010

1950 Memories

SEPTEMBER

6—The portals of knowledge are open once more. The freshmen enter awed, the sopohmores enter proudly, the juniors enter dejectedly, and — the seniors just enter.

8—The junior class elected its officers today. They are Jerry Griffith, president; Calvin Hampshire, vice president; Nancy Krueger, secretary; and William Myers, treasurer. Miss Lewerenz is class sponsor.

9—Tonight the Red Devils journeyed to Decatur and avenged the breaking of their football winning streak by the Yellow Jackets in '48. The final score was Auburn 26, Decatur 0.

12—The senior class elected the following officers for the year: Theo Webb, president; Max Reynolds vice president; Betty Frazee, secretary; and Ted Miller,treasurer. Miss Dawson is again sponsor.

13—Calvin Grosscup, Jr., was elected president of the sophomore class. The other officers include David Michael, vice president; Sally Draggoo, secretary; and Kesler Teter, treasurer. Mr. Randall Lawson is the sponsor.

16—The Red Devils nearly found their match in the New Haven Bulldogs, but Auburn salvaged a 20-13 victory.

20—The Greenies elected their officers to guide them through their first year. They are James Capen, president; Robert Delagrange, vice president; John Manon, secretary; and Sue Baxter, treasurer. Mr. Cecil Young is the sponsor.

22—The Athletic Association got under way today by electing Theo Webb as president and Barnell Beers as secretary. The officers from the faculty are Miss Wood, treasurer, and Mr. Miller, sponsor.

23—Barney Beers set the stage for Auburn's victory over the Bluffton Tigers by having a hand in all six touchdowns. The final score was 37-0.

27—The Teen-Y girls and their beaus held their first club dance of the season. From all reports the party was a success.

30—The Red Devils gained their fourth straight gridiron victory by handing the Hartford City Airedales a 25-0 loss.

OCTOBER

4—The Red Devils were forced to settle with a 13-13 gridiron tie with the Concordia Cadets.

6—The Gitta Sereny Club elected the following officers for the year: Ted Miller, president; Margie Frazee, vice president; Jack Mochamer, secretary; and Roberta Little, treasurer. Mr. Lawson is the sponsor.

14—The Red Devils hurdled one of their toughest opponents at Columbia City today when they squeezed out a close 13-12 N.E.I.C. victory.

15—A contest featuring twelve bands from neighboring towns was held at the Earl Carr Memorial Field. Columbia City carried off the sweepstakes trophy.

17—Mr. Elmer S. Otto delivered a speech on history this morning before the student assembly. His description of the Crypt of Civilization will long be remembered.

18—Auburn and Garrett played a scoreless tie. Thank heavens it was only the "B" team.

20—Mr. Belzer of the Bell Telephone Company gave an interesting talk on the various methods of communication.

21—The Warsaw Tigers outscrapped the Auburn Red Devils and handed them their first defeat of the season by a score of 18-7.

26—Ho-hum, Auburn 46, Royerton 6.

27-28—No school! The teachers went back for more learnin'.

28—The big game arrived at last! What game? Why, the Auburn-Garrett game, which turned out to be an easy victory for the Red Devils with the final result Auburn 54, Garrett 0.

NOVEMBER

3—Barney Beers and Ed Quinn were placed on the Conference first team while Ted Miller, Larry Refner, and Dave Richardson were placed on the second team. Good work, boys!

3-4—The junior and senior thespians presented a three-act psychological mystery, "A Kind Lady," before a capacity audience.

11—The G.A.A. volleyball team came through with honors at Kendallville. They won the championship game by defeating Kendallville 27-26.

18—The Ashley Aces trumped the Red Devils in the first hardwood game of the season by a score of 51-45.

21—Mr. Norman Webser, the lecturer and poet, delivered an interesting talk on "So You Don't Like Shakespeare."

22—The sophomores held their first party in the little gym. It was a potluck and everyone stuffed himself.

24—The Auburn Red Devils won their first victory by taking the wind out of the Butler Windmills. The score: 60-42.

24-25—School is dismissed for Thanksgiving vacation.

26—The Red Devils were "all fired up" for the Concordia Cadets, who suffered a 72-49 defeat.

DECEMBER

2—The South Side Archers had their bows ready for the Auburn Red Devils and loosed their arrows for a 44-36 victory.

9—The red hot New Haven Bulldogs came to Auburn and defeated the Red Devils by a well earned score of of 48-41.

10—The Red Devils suffered their third defeat when the North Side Redskins scalped them at the South Side gym by a score of 49-37.

12—The Hi-Y held its initiation dance for new members tonight. It was well attended and everyone had a good time.

16—The Red Devils gave the Garrett Railroaders a 55-45 shellacking in the newly remodeled Garrett gym.

19—Tonight we "tripped the light fantastic" at the first senior dance and potluck of the year.

24—The music and speech departments presented a Christmas program before the students were dismissed for vacation.

24—The Red Devils gave Coach Randy Lawson a Christmas present when they defeated the Hartford City Airedales 53-42. The Imps suffered a defeat after winning five straight.

25—Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

29—The Red Devils won the holiday tourney at Kendallville today by defeating Angola 41-21 in the afternoon game and Nappanee 47-32 in the final game. Nappanee entered the final by defeating K'ville 49-47 in a double overtime.

JANUARY

2—Christmas vacation is over and the grind begins once more.

6—The Red Devils took the sting out of the Angola Hornets tonight by handing them a 36-28 defeat.

7—The Red Devils failed to show any offensive power and bowed before the Elkhart Blue Blazers 42-28.

10-11—The Auburn band presented two benefit concerts at the Court Theater. Capacity crowds attended and the band made quite a profit.

13—Old Satan possssed the Red Devils as they viciously defeated the Kendallville Comets 81-44.

13—Today marked the end of the first semester, much to the dismay of many students.

20—The McIntosh five caged the Warsaw Tigers to earn a hard fought 48-38 hardwood victory.

21—The Auburn Imps won the blind tourney at Logansport by defeating Coach Showalter's seconds 32-20. They entered the final by defeating Flora 22-21 in the afternoon game.

27—The Decatur Yellow Jackets gave Auburn a scare on their own court tonight before submitting to a 39-34 defeat.

28—The Auburn Red Devils ran into double trouble at Mishawaka and lost to the big northern Caveman team by a score of 49-36.

31—The Teen-Y girls and their best boy friends held a "bobby sox" party centered on a valentine theme. Refreshments were served and everyone had an enjoyable evening.

FEBRUARY

3—The Red Devil cagers lost their only hope of defending the N.E.I.C. championship when they went down before the Columbia City Eagles 60-49.

10—The Wabash Apaches scalped the Red Devils in a savage battle by the score of 52-49.

11—The roar of the Central Tigers was not quite loud enough as they were given a 49-40 taming by the Red Devils.

13—The Hi-Y boys and their sweethearts held a valentine dance in the canteen. Everyone agreed it was a night to remember.

14—The senior economics classes made an unforgettable tour through the vast International Harvester plant in Fort Wayne.

17—The Red Devils closed their home schedule with a crushing 65-47 victory over the Bluffton Tigers. It was an N.E.I.C. engagement and assured Auburn of an undisputed second place.

18—Fifty-five of Mr. Kellberg's music students entered the solo and ensemble contest held in Fort Wayne. They male a wonderful showing and came home with many ribbons.

22—The Red Devils advanced to the final day of the sectional by defeating the Metz Mohawks 76-41 in the afternoon. The defending champions were forced to go all out to down a stubborn Garrett outfit at night by a 54-44 score.

23—With thanks to John L. Lewis and the coal strike, the Auburn schools were closed indefinitely.

25—The Red Devils defeated the Angola Hornets for the third time during the season by a score of 54-39. After trailing the Ashley Aces most of the way, the Red Devils managed to overtake them and win the sectional crown by a score of 53 to 45.

MARCH

4—The Red Devils managed to salvage a 46-39 victory over the Kendallville Comets in the afternoon game of the Fort Wayne regionals. After the mediocre performance of the afternoon, the Red Devils soundly whipped the North Side Redskins 57-39 to win the regional crown for the second year straight.

11—The Red Devils put up a good battle at the Muncie semifinals before bowing down by a count of 57-51 to the Marion Giants, who went on to win the semifinal crown.

13—School reopened today after the forced two-week vacation. The "spring" vacation was nice while it lasted.

13—Mr. Otto Schact, an opera singer, accompanied by his wife at the piano, sang before the student assembly. He spoke on the worth of music and effective speaking.

21—Over 200 members of the Hi-Y, Tri-Hi-Y, and Teen-Y clubs from seven neighboring towns attended the district conference held in Auburn.

27—Mr. Arthur T. Parrish, district extension forester, spoke before the student body on various phases of conservation among different civilizations.

30—Auburn High School students displayed their many talents in a very entertaining Canteen show presented at the Court Theater.

31—The frosh held a party in the little gym. It was a potluck and, by the looks of the empty dishes, everyone stuffed himself.

APRIL

7—The Red Devil track squad won its first track meet of the season from the Butler Windmills by a score of 85½ to 45½.

12—"Zeke's" track team breezed past the Kendallville Comets in a dual meet at Kendallville by a count of 86 to 29.

14—The sophomore class held its last party of the year in the little gym. It was a potluck and everyone had a grand time.

18—The senior class held the final class party of its high school career this evening. The class mothers supervised the affair with able assistance from student helpers.

20—The G.A.A. girls held their annual banquet in the Auburn Hotel. The new officers were announced, and the plaques were awarded.

20—The Red Devil thinly clads lived up to expectations as they easily won the DeKalb County track meet. They ran up a score of 71¼ points compared to 53¼ for Butler and 35¼ for Garrett.

22—The Red Devils didn't have quite enough zip as they finished fifth in the annual Goshen relays with a score of 30½. Warsaw, winner of the class B meet, finished with a score of 52 points.

25—The annual spring festival was held in the alumni gymnasium with three local choruses and bands presenting the entertaining musical program.

26—The Auburn track squad, sparked by Beers' three first places, won a splashing 91 to 38 victory from the Concordia Cadets.

27—The DePauw University band presented a most enjoyable program before a capacity audience in the Alumni Gymnasium.

29—The Red Devil thinlies were edged out of first place in the class B Kokomo relays by only 1⅗ points. Mississinewa was first with 29 11/24 points, and Auburn was second with 27 19/24 points.

MAY

1—A Rotary vocational guidance group was held this morning to help the juniors and seniors decide on a suitable vocation.

1—This afternoon a very inspiring talk was given by Lieutenant James C. Whitaker of Rickenbacker's Raft fame. His subject was "We Thought We Heard the Angels Sing."

3—The Auburn trackmen won the conference track meet at Columbia City by scoring 61 points to the 39½ points of their closest competitor, Warsaw. The Red Devils really showed their power and broke several records.

3—The second meeting of the Rotary vocational guidance group was held this afternoon. The afternoon was spent visiting industrial plants and businesses in our city.

5—Using the theme "Spring Magic" the juniors entertained the graduating class of 1950 at the Potawatomi Inn with a colorful banquet and program that none who attended will ever forget.

6—Auburn was the only small school represented in the freshman relays at South Side in Fort Wayne. Anderson was first with 51 points, while Auburn was down the line with 23½ points.

10—The Red Devils proved too strong for the Garrett Railroaders as they took first place in every event in the dual meet at Garrett. The final count was Auburn 85, Garrett 30.

10—The Moose Lodge fed our lettermen a chicken dinner with all the trimmings. The speaker was "Abe" DeVol of Columbia City.

13—The Red Devil trackmen finished fifth in the sectional track meet with 8½ points. North Side of Fort Wayne was first with 58 points.

20—North side captured the regional track meet with 36½ points, while Auburn was able to score only 5 points. Schooley and Beers were the only ones who placed for Auburn.

21—Solemn seniors were honored today at baccalaureate services held in the Methodist Church. Rev. C. C. Collins, minister of the Methodist Church, was the speaker.

24—Dr. Harold C. Case, minister of the First Methodist Church in Pasadena, California, gave a timely address to 57 graduating seniors. This marked the end of an old and the beginning of a new phase in the lives of the seniors.

26—The local golf team captured the N.E.I.C. golf meet at Bluffton. Don Kelly, with a score of 80, won the low score medal for the second year straight.

1950

was
a special
year...

AT 247723 D 7 00
12/09/2011
HF GROUP - IN

ECKHART PUBLIC LIBRARY
8401 9100 188 623 5